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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This responds to the Office action dated September 18, 2006. A one-month period for response was set, making a reply due by October 18, 2006. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-3, 8, and 11-14) directed to nucleic acid molecules that encode SEQ ID NO: 8 or variants that encode peptides which inhibit the apoptotic activity of p53.